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## CALIFORNIA CHAMBER WELCOMES LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS

Excerpts from statement by Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus

“I am especially proud and honored to be here this afternoon, as I have a long standing relationship with the California Chamber, and an extremely high regard for California’s entrepreneurs who employ Legislative Black Caucus constituents.

“We are breaking new ground here and I salute the entrepreneurial spirit. We care about the issue of job creation. We care about small businesses. These issues drive the state’s economy. I want to stress the significance and importance of a strong partnership between the business community and the legislative Black Caucus in the pursuit of legislative and policy initiatives that impact African Americans and the business community.

“We are looking creatively to build a platform. We must work together in the context of economic justice. The two are not incompatible. We must make sure they are complimentary. We have to find ways to elevate the quality of life. That is the purpose for the founding of the Legislative Black Caucus.”

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